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Supreme Court decision may force tenure review process underground

By DENNIS KELLY

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The all-important tenure review process at colleges and universities nationwide could be driven underground as a result of last week's Supreme Court decision forcing universities to open tenure review files in discrimination cases.

There will be "less in the files ... more phone calls, more use of the grapevine; really illicit means," predicts Ernst Benjamin, general secretary, the American Association of University Professors.

Such scenarios are being suggested by parties on both sides of last week's 9-0 Supreme Court vote, which snubbed the University of Pennsylvania in favor of Rosalie Tung, a former associate professor in Penn's Wharton School. Tung charged that she was denied tenure — a virtual guarantee of job security — because of sexual discrimination.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission had subpoenaed the tenure review files for Tung and five of her male colleagues, after Tung filed a claim saying she was the equal or better of the men in the department who had received tenure. Maintaining that academic freedom protects tenure files, Penn argued that tenure is so critical to academic integrity that schools need the special shield of confidentiality in the peer review process that leads to tenure. Penn was supported by high-powered Harvard, Yale, Stanford and the association of university professors.

But Justice Harry A. Blackmun wrote for the court that educational institutions should be treated no differently than any other business accused of discrimination. Any relevant material should be made available during investigations, the court said.

Tung, now a tenured professor of business administration at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, said: "I'm particularly glad about the unanimous vote. I think it will

pave the way for other women and minorities and make it easier for them to pursue their claims." Despite that optimistic note, Benjamin raised the specter that all written comments in a file could be positive, and yet the grapevine could work to deny a candidate tenure and no one would really know why.

Charles A. Shanor, EEOC's general counsel, doesn't agree. He says the practical need for disseminating information to the many people who make tenure judgments will still require written evaluations.

As a tenured professor of law at Atlanta's Emory Law School, Shanor adds: "I guess the bottom line for me is that I and others will say pretty much the same things in the light of day that we do in the dark of night concerning a candidate's qualifications."

Amy Swauger, of the American Association of University Women, said she doubts that this case "will open the floodgates" for more discrimination lawsuits because they're expensive and take years. However, lawsuits that are filed will be processed more quickly because files will be more accessible. Benjamin says it's too early to tell how university policies may change. Some may open the files to those who demand them; others will simply refuse unless forced to do so, he says.

Tung's claim that she was discriminated against now heads back to lower courts. Tung says Penn's own tenure review commission agreed with her charge before she left for Wisconsin. Penn maintains it did not discriminate in her case, Penn's Epstein says.

But the EEOC will now be given the files that will help make that determination, though some negotiation remains on which parts of those tenure review files are actually relevant to the case, says EEOC's Shanor.

Epstein says Penn intends to comply with the court's directive. "There's certainly no doubt about what our obligation is," he says. "We lost, and it was a shutout."



Congressman Tony Hall spoke on world hunger at WSU on Friday.

Photo by Craig Opperman

Congressman Hall wants "constituency for hunger"

By JILL LARCOMB
Special Writer

World hunger can be stopped if enough people get involved, according to U.S. Representative Tony Hall.

Hall spoke on campus Friday, "to educate people about world hunger," accord-

ing to Terry Kemper of Campus Ministry, who sponsored the event. Tony Hall is trying to help the hungry by being involved in projects like Oxfam America, which is a private organization trying to stop world hunger. "He has introduced a

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ENTERTAINMENT

Nexus releases *Breathe on the Living* album

By CHRIS SCHINAMAN

Special Writer

Nexus magazine, the campus magazine of arts and literature at Wright State, has pulled a switch: instead of the usual quarterly magazine, Nexus has released a double album for the Fall Quarter. Entitled *Breathe On the Living*, the album contains a collection of poetry, songs, and short stories. One track is even sung in a foreign language: "Praha," by Nanao Sakaki and friends.

The first record contains mostly poetry and some verse set to music. Of the first two sides, the most notable tracks are "i am removing my wig," by Julian Beck and "Tiananmen Square Incident," by Larry and Laura Albrecht. "i am removing my wig" is nothing more than Julian Beck removing his clothes. "Tiananmen Square Incident," however, provides a surrealistic account of that frightful first week in June during the Chinese student rebellion. It is a thought-



The Nexus album cover.

Photo by Craig Opperman

provoking and often bone-chilling piece.

The second record provides a little more music and a little less poetry. The best works on sides three and four are "Valium Restaurant," a thirty second ditty by Richard Meltzer, "The Monkey Song," by Michael Hurley, and "Pain," by the local band, The Oxymorons. Michael Hurley, in the folk music business since 1965, offers an eight and a half minute song. By contrast, The Oxymorons spew forth a two and a half minute classic.

The rest of the artists, even though very good, are too many to mention. And these artists comprise a Melting Pot of the world; they come from across the globe, across the nation, and more than a few across the Buckeye State. This mix of people makes for an excellent album, especially if you're the artsy type. The only problem with the album is the continuous bombardment of the various artists' nerve-racking voices. So it seems after fifteen minutes of voice after voice. Therefore, you might want to stick with just reading the magazine.

The Simpsons cartoon tries for an adult audience

By MATT ROUSH

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Matt Groening says he hopes grown-ups will take The Simpsons to heart. "Grown-ups," he mutters. "That's a kid's word. Adults, I want adults to appreciate the show."

Natural slip for a man who admits, "My idea of children's humor is some

other people's idea of sophisticated humor."

With The Simpsons, Fox's attempt to bring loony 'toons back to prime time, cartoonist Groening thinks he has "defined family entertainment in a new way. Most of the family shows are namby-pamby sentimentality or smarmy innuendo. We stay away from that."

Speaking of the latter, Simpsons makes an appropriately funky companion

piece to Fox hit Married ... With Children. "I always thought the Bundys are far more cartoonish than the Simpsons, myself," notes Groening, 35.

Good point, though the first thing those not yet acquainted with the Simpsons will notice is their comic grotesqueness: bulging eyes, towering bouffants, distorted features.

As in his legendary cult comic strip Life in Hell, which turns 10 in April, The Simpsons is colored with garish strokes of fear and loathing.

Father Homer Simpson is a loutish but sincere failure, scraping by in his menial job in a nuke plant. At home, son Bart (anagram of Brat) looks to be perpetuating the cycle, an incorrigible mischief maker whose sure-to-be-

mimicked lingo includes cracks like "Don't have a cow, Homer!"

A measure of The Simpsons' offbeat quality is evident in the kaleidoscopic opening sequence. Some of the opening's elements will change week to week — Bart's "I will not waste chalk" penance at the school blackboard will sometimes read "I will not instigate revolution"; and the climactic moment when the family flops on the couch in front of the TV will lead to a variety of gags: the couch collapsing, Homer hitting the floor, Bart flying in the air. Groening was inspired by the old Dick Van Dyke Show opening, when audiences always wondered if he'd trip over the footstool.

Groening lives in Venice, Calif., with his wife, Debo-

rah, and 9-month-old son Homer — named after Groening's cartoonist father and not his comic creation, whose name comes from the novel Day of the Locust.

The most mainstream aspect of The Simpsons is the merchandising, with 45 licenses already issued. "The difference is that these char-

acters weren't initially designed to be merchandised," says Groening.

"Most of the stuff out there is designed to make you look good, which I'm not sure having Bart Simpson's face on your T-shirt does. Ultimately, I think it is cool, but it's definitely not glamorous."

Fox Sunday line-up invaded by wacky clan

By MATT ROUSH

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After spending an hour with Fox's animated Simpsons and the equally outrageous Bundys on Sunday, why would anyone want to go back to Growing Pains?

If you've missed the Simpson clan on The Tracey Ullman Show, the big screen, with The War of the Roses, the freshest news of the season is their now-weekly appearance on Fox Sundays.

What's amazing about the show, an existential riot on the terrors of home, work and school, isn't that the sardonic wit that left us wanting more on Ullman can sustain laughs for a full half-hour.

The surprise is how odd touching The Simpsons can be, especially in the relationship between put-upon father Homer and bad boy Bart.

In the fourth-grader Bart ("eat my shorts") cheats on IQ exam and gets branded genius. When Marge takes the clan to the opera in celebration, Homer's and Bart's snide high jinks — armpit raspberries, gleeful ashamed snickers — result in an authentic and sweet, unwholesome, observational on fathers and sons.

The Simpsons are crammed with sly visual and verbal gags. It's adult entertainment that's just as hip as kids. Being a cartoon makes it that much more citing and unpredictable.

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- Charged up Raiders weakened by Akron Zips

By JEFF LOUDERBACK
Sports Editor

Complete with their explosive fast break offense and a six-game winning streak, the Wright State Raiders charged into Akron Monday night with intentions of jarring the Zips.

Akron bulled its way to a comfortable 14-point halftime edge, and stood firm in the second half en route to an 80-66 triumph against the Raiders.

By avoiding the Wright State press and commanding the boards, the Zips improved to 9-5 on the season. The Raiders, who were unable to control Akron's performance in the paint, dropped to 11-4.

Raider women's basketball boss resigns

By CINDY HORNER
Assistant Sports Editor

Effective at the end of the season, Wright State Women's Basketball Head Coach Pat Davis turned in her resignation last Friday as her team continues to struggle.

"There's a time to do everything, and it's time for me to do something," Davis said. "The fact that we are struggling didn't have much to do with my decision. It was a tough decision. I'm going to stay in the athletic department. It's the most exciting place to be with the coming of the Nutter Center. It's just great to be here, and I want to be a part of it all. It's just time to do something different."

Davis is in her 14th season

Wright State will play three of its next four games in the Physical Education Building against U.S. International, Eastern Kentucky and Central State. The Raiders face a road clash at Liberty on Saturday, January 27.

The Raiders entered the game with a four-game losing skid against the Zips — all losses suffered while a Division I member. And from the game's beginning, number five seemed inevitable.

Wright State grabbed a quick 2-0 advantage, but that was the only lead the Raiders held. Akron stormed to a 43-29 lead at intermission.

Against Dayton, Chicago State and Youngstown State, the Raiders were able to

overcome double-digit deficits and post a win. But Akron maintained its composure, directed its patient offense successfully and owned as much as a 16-point lead in the second half.

Marc Mumphrey buried a three-pointer to narrow the deficit to 58-48 with 8:09 left in the game. The Zips, however, continued to push the ball inside for high-percentage baskets.

Akron center Pete Freeman punished the Raiders in the paint with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Scoring sensa-

tion Anthony Buford led all scorers with 25 points on an eight-for-11 shooting display.

Mumphrey led Wright State with 15 points. Bill Edwards pumped in 14 points and hauled down a team-high 10 rebounds. Sean Hammonds was the only other Raider scoring in double figures with 12 points.

Mumphrey and Edwards guided Wright State to a 90-80 win at Youngstown State last Saturday.

Including three treys, Mumphrey poured in 22 points. Edwards led Wright

State with 25 points and 11 rebounds.

RAIDER RUMBLINGS

—Local rival Central State received a surprise recently when it was blanked, 2-0, by Shawnee State. The Marauders, an NAIA school, were forced to forfeit the game after failing to show up. Central State Head Coach

Kevin Porter didn't realize that the game had been scheduled. Barring any unforeseen loss of memory, Central State will invade the PE Building on Wednesday, January 31.

—Wright State continues to post the best record among all major independents. At 11-4, the Raiders hold a game and a half lead over Akron (9-5) and a three-game edge over Notre Dame (7-5).

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lot of legislature to help world hunger."

Hall said, "Events like this raise the awareness of hunger. Hunger has a tendency to overwhelm us." He

said that in the 1990's, 100 million people would die of malnutrition. "The deaths are needless and can be avoided."

Hall stated that more involvement in this project

is needed. "We need the will to end hunger. We need to establish a constituency in America to end hunger." He said a grassroots effort is needed. "Hunger can be ended in the world. The re-

sources are here and the cost is low. One person can make a difference. I challenge you to try to end hunger in Dayton," Hall said addressing the audience, "It can be done."

Hall has been involved in the hunger project for a long time. He has also travelled throughout the world, and is Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Hunger.

After the speech, brown rice and water was served. According to Kemper this was "to emphasize the disparity between third and first world countries."

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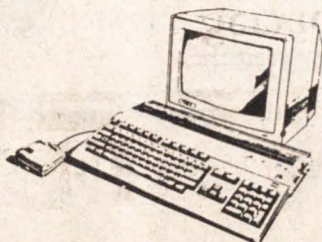
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